



# Churchill Downs Newsletter

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### CDCA Community Pledge

I pledge to give a portion of my time, a portion of my energy, and a portion of my resources to the community in which I live. And to set examples, not by token words I say, or by looking the other way, but by contributing whenever I'm able to help enrich the lives of my neighbors. Here, I make all my pledges in unity, reaping in return a great community.

Stay Connected with CDCA

Web: [www.churchilldownslansing.info](http://www.churchilldownslansing.info)

Facebook: Churchill Downs Community Association

## Save the Date

Plan to attend

the annual CDCA Christmas Party

Tuesday December 18, 2018 at 6:30pm



### Message from the President

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone that helped with our projects this last year. Our projects this year included "Neighborhood Clean-up", "Tune Up In The Park", "Sign Toppers" and of course our Annual Picnic.

I have spent the summer working as a board member with the "Lansing Harmony Celebration". This celebration of diversity will be a great event for you and your family. Be sure to come to Benjamin Davis Park, September 8 from 12-9. There will be a kid's stage with activities and entertainment and the main stage will also be filled fantastic music. For information visit; [lansingharmonycelebration.org](http://lansingharmonycelebration.org).

**Let's have a great year!**



Thursdays 3-7pm May 24-October 18  
800 W. Barnes-St. Casmir Parking Lot  
Call 374-5700 for more info

Churchill Downs resident Kathy Tobe  
is the Farmers Market Manager.

### Halloween

Halloween is an annual holiday celebrated each year on October 31. It originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints; soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating sweet treats.



- ✓ NEVER go alone!
- ✓ STAY on track!
- ✓ DON'T go inside!
- ✓ BE visible!

#### HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

### Thanksgiving

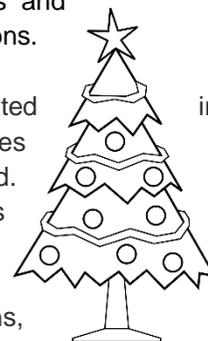
Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated in Canada, the United States, some of the Caribbean islands, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Similarly named festival holidays occur in Germany and Japan. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada and on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States, and around the same part of the year in other places.



***Thanksgiving is a time to give, a time to love, and a time to reflect on the things that matter most in life.***  
**Danielle Duckery**

### Christmas

Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. A feast central to the Christian liturgical year, it is preceded by the season of Advent or the Nativity Fast and initiates the season of Christmastide, which historically in the West lasts twelve days and culminates on Twelfth Night in some traditions.



The tradition of the Christmas tree originated in Germany in the 16th century, when trees were brought into homes to be decorated. The first person to decorate the Christmas tree with lighted candles is believed to be Martin Luther. Evergreens had been a symbol of life in several ancient religions, such as the Druids.

Most Christmas colors and their meanings come from the western/northern European traditions and customs, when Christmas is in the middle of winter and it's dark and cold. Evergreen plants, like Holly, Ivy and mistletoe have been used for thousands of years to decorate and brighten up buildings during the long dark winter.

### Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. Originating as a Western Christian feast day honoring one or two early saints named Valentinus, Valentine's Day is recognized as a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and romantic love in many regions around the world, although it is not a public holiday in any country.

#### Other Important Events on February 14:

- Oregon became the 33rd state admitted to the Union on Valentine's Day of 1859, while Arizona attained its statehood in 1912.
- In 1962, U.S. First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy appeared on the first televised tour inside the White House.
- On Valentine's Day of 1876, Alexander Graham Bell applied for the patent of the telephone.
- On February 14, 1929, Alexander Fleming introduced penicillin.

## Vehicle Preparedness for Winter

### Emergency Kit for the Car

In case you are stranded, keep an emergency supply kit in your car with the addition of these automobile extras:

- Jumper cables
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Ice scraper
- Cell phone charger
- Cat litter or sand for better tire traction

Have a mechanic check the following on your vehicle prior to an emergency:

- Antifreeze levels
- Battery and ignition system
- Brakes
- Exhaust system
- Fuel and air filters
- Heater and defroster
- Lights and flashing hazard lights
- Oil
- Thermostat
- Windshield wiper equipment and washer fluid level

## Driving Safety in Winter

Plan long trips carefully, listening to the radio or television for the latest weather forecasts and road conditions. If bad weather is forecast, drive only if absolutely necessary.

Keep gas tank full in case of evacuation or power outages. A full tank will also keep the fuel line from freezing.

Install good winter tires and ensure they have adequate tread.

Do not drive through flooded areas. Six inches of water can cause a vehicle to lose control or possibly stall. A foot of water will float many cars.

Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under pressure.

### Leaves

Please do not rake or blow leaves onto the street. The sewer drains can get obstructed if leaves accumulate on them. Fill approved paper bags with leaves and place them on the curb on your normal collection day.



### Snow

Public sidewalks need to be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after a snow event to provide a safe route for your neighbors, school children and postal carriers.

### Basic Supply List for Emergency - FEMA

- ✓ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation.
- ✓ Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ✓ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries.
- ✓ Flashlight and extra batteries.
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Whistle to signal for help
- ✓ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ✓ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ✓ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ✓ Manual can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- ✓ Local maps
- ✓ Cell phone with chargers and backup battery.

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

POLICE (NON-EMERGENCY)	483-4600
FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY)	483-4200
ANIMAL CONTROL	676-8370
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (NEIGHBORHOOD DISPUTES)	483-4320
CODE COMPLIANCE	483-4361
FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER & HUMAN SERVICES	211
GARBAGE/RECYCLING	483-4400
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	887-4300
LANSING CITY COUNCIL	483-4177
LPD SPECIAL OPERATIONS (SUSPECT ILLEGAL DRUG ACTIVITY)	483-4820
MAYOR'S OFFICE	483-4141
PARKS & RECREATION	483-4277
PLANNING DEPARTMENT	483-4060
POLICE CHIEFS OFFICE	483-4800
PUBLIC SERVICE: FLOODING, SEWER BACKUP, GRAFFITI & POTHOLE, STREET REPAIR, PLOWING, TREE LIMBS	483-4161
TRI-COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING	887-1440



Report Outages

Power, Downed Line or Streetlight  
877-295-5001

Outage Center  
Lbwl.com/outagecenter

BWL Mobile App  
Lbwl.com/app

Outage Texting  
898295/txtbwl

Water Main Break  
517-702-64

Be the change you wish to see in the world.  
Ghandi

**No time is better spent than that spent in the  
service of your fellow man.**  
Bryan McGill

*Let's join together today to create a fabulous tomorrow!*  
Unknown

We rise by lifting others.  
Robert Ingersoll

***It is not what we say or think that defines us, but  
what we do.***  
Jane Austin

*The most terrible poverty is loneliness and the  
feeling of being unloved.*  
Mother Teresa

**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,  
committed citizens can change the world.  
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.**  
Margaret Mead

*Help the life of one person and you can help the  
community.*  
Unknown

Only a life lived in the service of others is worth  
living.  
Albert Einstein



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